

**~Meeting Minutes~**  
Androscoggin County Commissioners  
August 17, 2016  
Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** - by Chair Ronald Chicoine at 5:15 P.M.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Chair Ronald Chicoine, Vice-Chair Sally Christner, Alfreda Fournier, Elaine Makas, Matthew Roy, Beth Bell, and Randall Greenwood.

Other: County Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Robert Poulin, Sheriff Eric Samson, Chief William Gagne, Facilities Director David Cote, EMA Director Joanne Potvin, Register of Deeds Tina Chouinard, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock, WGLT-TV7 Dick Clark, Communications Director Martin Fournier, Executive Director of the Central/Western Maine Workforce Development Board Jeffrey Sneddon,.

**IV. MINUTES**

Motion: to accept and approve with a waiver of reading the minutes of the June 15, 2016 regular meeting and the June 20, 2016 meeting.

Roy-Fournier 7-0

**V. WARRANTS**

Motion: to review and approve all bills, part-time deputies' payroll. Warrants # 1624, 1624A. Corrections Division Warrants # 1704A-J, 1704J.

Makas-Roy 7-0

**VI. REPORTS**

**A. Update from Commissioner Bell and Commissioner Christner on activities at the Maine County Commissioners Association.**

Commissioner Bell stated that she would give a full report at the next meeting.

**B. Update from Commissioner Makas on activities at the Central/Western Maine Workforce Investment Board.**

Commissioner Makas noted that the Central/Western Maine Workforce Investment Board is currently working to help laid off employees from Madison Paper. In addition, the CWMWIB has also helped people advance within their own fields, (e.g. helping C.N.A.'s and L.P.N.'s take their next steps to becoming nurses) through a health care grant.

**C. Report from Commissioner Makas on the Safety Committee.**

Commissioner Makas said she would like to revive the Safety Committee within the next couple weeks.

**D. Administrator's Report**

The County Administrator gave a report on activities and meetings.

**E. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer gave a report on finances.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Continuing Employee Health Insurance**

Motion: to table A. *Continuing Employee Health Insurance* until later in the meeting.

Greenwood-Makas 6-0-1

Abstained-Christner

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approve I.T. Director Salary**

Motion: to table A. *Approve I.T. Director Salary* until later in the meeting.

Makas-Roy 6-0-1

Abstained-Chicoine

**B. Dirigo Presentation (Mark Davis)** – Discussed current communications topics in relation to Androscoggin County.

**C. Approve Commissioners' 2017 Budget Meeting Schedule**

Motion: to reschedule the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting's *First Review* to the August 31<sup>st</sup> meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Greenwood-Fournier 7-0

Motion: to reconsider the approval of the 2017 Commissioners' Budget Meeting Schedule.

Greenwood-Roy 7-0

Motion: to set the 2017 Commissioners' Budget Meeting Schedule to be as follows:

What is currently the *First Budget Review* to be moved to be included on August 31<sup>st</sup> in addition to the *Second Budget Review*, those departments beginning at 4:00 p.m. and that the Public Hearing that was stated as 5:15 p.m., be incorporated into the regular meeting.

Greenwood-Roy 7-0

**D. Budget Committee Election**

Motion: to table *D. Budget Committee Election* until later in the meeting.

Makas-Roy 7-0

**E. Jeffrey Sneddon, Executive Director of the Central/Western Maine Workforce Development Board (CWMWDB)**

– Presented information regarding Innovation Opportunity Act Workforce Development funding from the U.S. Department of Labor for the 5 County area of Franklin, Kennebec, Oxford, Somerset, and Androscoggin. Career Center services for job seekers and employees included: job searches, assessments, resumes, mock interviews, job fairs, job placement, apprenticeship, and on the job training (O.J.T.). Also discussed was the vision of the CWMWD Board's key priorities, and goals such as reducing the mismatch between job seekers and employers by working with employers to ensure that job training matches the job needs.

**F. Androscoggin Valley Soil & Water Conservation (Jocelyn Lahey) /Time and Tide RC&D (Tish Carr)**

- Trish Carr – Noted there is an opening on the Time and Tide Board for a passionate individual that has an interest in natural resources, community based projects, working with non-profit, and helping their community develop economic and natural resources.  
Jocelyn Lahey – Similarly, the Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District is having their Board of Supervisors election this fall; there will be potentially three openings. Currently, Androscoggin Valley is working with Bates College on environmental community projects such as the development of a classroom trout curriculum. Additionally, the Androscoggin Valley Soil & Water Conservation is working with the Storm Water group in helping to meet the MS4 storm runoff responsibilities.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS - None**

Motion: to recess until 6:55 p.m.

Greenwood-Fournier 7-0

Returned to public session at 7:02 p.m.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Executive session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6), Subsection(A).**

Motion: to enter into executive session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6), Subsection(A).

Greenwood-Roy 7-0

Returned to public session at 8:26 pm.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Approve I.T. Director Salary (RETURN TO)**

Motion: to set the I.T. Director (40 hour week) pay scale a Pay Grade 7 Step F, (\$21.15 per hour) and offer it to the selected applicant, if they decline, the position shall be opened up to the public for a seven day period.

Greenwood-Roy 4-3

Opposed-Christner, Fournier, Chicoine

### **D. Budget Committee Election (RETURN TO)**

Motion: to certify the elections for Districts 1 through 6 as printed, and District 7 for the one individual whose name was submitted at the caucus (Kevin Nichols).

Makas-Roy

**Withdrawn**

Friendly amendment - to certify the elections for Districts 1 through 6 as printed, and District 7 for the one individual whose name was submitted at the caucus, and the other name written-in on the ballot shall be sent to the Budget Committee to allow the Budget Committee to determine the filling of the District 7 vacancy.

**Friendly Amendment Withdrawn**

Motion: to certify the certificates for Districts 1 through 6 as printed, and District 7 for the one individual whose name was submitted at the caucus (Kevin Nichols) and to notify the towns and Budget Committee of the write-in so they can fill the said vacancy.

Roy-Makas 4-3

Opposed – Christner, Fournier, Chicoine

### Election Results

District 1 (Part of Lewiston)

Candidates: Michael Lachance, Tina Hutchinson, Robert Reed

District 1 Elected: Michael Lachance, Tina Hutchinson

District 2 (Part of Lewiston)

Candidates: Shane Bouchard, Joseph Grube, Stavros Mendros, Jim Horn

District 2 Elected: Shane Bouchard, Joseph Grube

District 3 (Durham, Greene, Part of Lewiston)

Candidates: Wade Caplinger, Anthony Reny, Joline Landry Beam

District 3 Elected: Wade Caplinger, Anthony Reny

District 4 (Lisbon, Sabattus, Wales)

Candidates: Allen Ward, Guy P. Desjardins, Nicholas Gayton

District 4 Elected: Allen Ward, Guy P. Desjardins

District 5 (Part of Auburn)

Candidate: Andrew Titus

District 5 Elected: Andrew Titus

District 6 (Part of Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Poland)

Candidates: Steve Bolduc, Nick Konstantoulakis, Norman J. Beuparlant, William Eldridge.

District 6 Elected: Steve Bolduc, Norman J. Beuparlant

District 7 (Leeds, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Minot, Turner)

Candidate: Kevin Nichols

District 7 Elected: Kevin Nichols

**XIII. RECESS** (9:47 p.m.)

Motion: to continue the meeting to August 31, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. to take up the last matter of unfinished business (B. Continuing Employee Health Insurance).

Greenwood-Makas 4-0-3

Abstained – Roy, Christner, Fournier,

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Larry Post, County Administrator